

ORDINANCE NO. 00394

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning the operations of the County Auditor.

2 WHEREAS, the Home Rule Charter established the office of  
3 County Auditor under the County Council organization, and

4 WHEREAS, the functions of the County Auditor are defined in  
5 Section 250 of the Home Rule Charter, NOW, THEREFORE,

6 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

7 Section 1. Appointment. The King County Auditor shall be  
8 appointed by a majority of the Council after a thorough search,  
9 interview and screening process of applicants.

10 Section 2. Qualifications. The Auditor selected shall be a  
11 person able to analyze problems of fiscal controls, management and  
12 administration and public policy, and shall not be actively involved  
13 in partisan affairs.

14 Section 3. Term of Office. The Auditor shall serve a term of  
15 ((six)) four years, unless removed for cause at any time by vote of  
16 two-thirds majority of the Council, and shall be reconsidered for  
17 reappointment at the end of the term of office.

18 Section 4. Scope of Activity. The County Auditor shall per-  
19 form the following functions and responsibilities. Council review  
20 and control of County administration consists of all methods and  
21 procedures used by that legislative body to secure faithful, effici-  
22 ent, and effective administration of county programs. The following  
23 summary of objectives shall be the Audit functions:

24 1. To determine the extent to which legislative policies  
25 are being faithfully, efficiently, and effectively implemented by  
26 administrative officials. From this step may come the information  
27 necessary for the Council to take corrective action with respect to  
28 administration, or to revise legislative policies if they are found  
29 to be inappropriate or inadequate.

30 2. To determine whether County programs are achieving  
31 their desired objectives. This step may provide information on the need  
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1 for changing, deleting, or modifying programs or program elements  
2 through additional legislation.

3 3. To review both the administrative control and executive  
4 control systems as established by the agency or department heads  
5 and by the County Executive respectively, to determine that such  
6 systems are adequate and effective in accomplishing their objectives.  
7 Through the review of the control systems the Council will be better  
8 able to judge whether an agency is organized and administered in  
9 such a way as to be able to competently carry out its responsibility.

10 4. To hold responsible Executive officials accountable to the  
11 Council for their use of public funds and other resources put at  
12 their disposal. This step involves not only an examination of the  
13 financial statements and of the legality of expenditures but also of  
14 the prudence of expenditures and the efficiency of the use of all  
15 resources including the elimination of wasteful practices.

16 5. To investigate whether or not laws are being administered  
17 in the public interest, to determine if there have been abuses of  
18 discretion, arbitrary actions, or errors of judgment; and to  
19 encourage diligence on the part of administrative officials.

20 6. To submit reports to the Council resulting from periodical  
21 post audits of each department or account; to this end, he shall  
22 have access to examine the books and accounts of all County  
23 departments, officials or employees charged with the receipt, custody  
24 or safekeeping of public funds.

25 7. To give the information to the County Council whenever  
26 required upon any subject relating to the financial affairs of the  
27 County.

28 8. To make periodic reports to the Council which shall include  
29 the following:

30 (a) To determine as to whether departments, officials and  
31 employees, in making expenditures, have complied with the will  
32 of the Council, State Laws, and the State Constitution.

(b) To give information of plans as he deems expedient for the support of the County's credit, for lessening expenditures, for promoting frugality and economy in County affairs and generally for an improved level in fiscal management.

(c) To report matters concerning the effectiveness and efficiency of the programs and operation of the County.

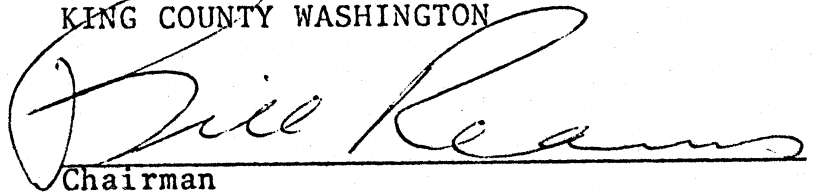
(d) To be empowered to take exception to improper specific expenditures incurred by any department or person.

(e) To promptly report any irregularities to the County Council.

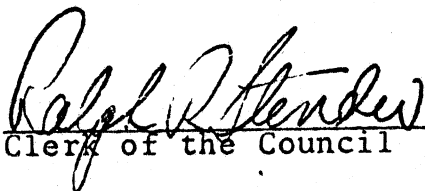
INTRODUCED and read for the first time this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1970.

PASSED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1970.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY WASHINGTON

  
Chairman

ATTESTED:

  
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1970.

ORDINANCE READINGS

1st 3-16-70

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Effective Date, \_\_\_\_\_

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S SIGNATURE.

DATED: 3-31-70

King County Executive